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From the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies), Ref. No. L. Dis. 108071/48 dated 10.8.1948.

The Board's report on the food situation in Madras Province for the second fortnight of July 1948, at pages 3-6 c.f. and the enclosures to it at pages 7-23 c.f. are submitted for perusal.

2. Weather conditions and crop prospects:- The South West Monsoon continued to be active on the West Coast during the fortnight and the rainfall was very heavy in the Malabar and South Kanara districts. In the rest of the Province, the rainfall during the fortnight was heavy in the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari and Kistna, moderate (1.0 to 2.9 inches) in the districts of Vizagapatam, Guntur, Kurnool, Nellore, Chingleput, South Arcot and the Nilgiris and in Madras City, fair (0.5 to 0.9 inches) in the districts of Bellary, Cuddapah, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Tanjore and Ramnad and light or nil in the other districts.

Agricultural operations were held up for want of sufficient rains in the North Arcot district. Water supply was inadequate in parts of Kurnool, Anantapur, Nellore, Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Madura and Ramnad and Tirunelveli districts. Sowings of paddy were proceeding in the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Kurnool, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli and South Kanara and in parts of the districts of Bellary, Tiruchirapalli and Tanjore. Sowings of dry crops were in progress in the districts of Vizagapatam, Kurnool, Chittoor and Salem. The condition of the standing crops was generally fair. Harvest of cholam and cumbu was proceeding in the Coimbatore district and the outturn was poor to fair.

3. Stock and supply position:- The stock position of foodgrains in the Province was as follows on 31.7.1948 when compared with the stock position on 24.7.1948.

Foodgrains.	Stocks on 24.7.1948.	Stocks on 31.7.1948.
Rice.	3,68,967.	3,41,902.
Wheat.	16255.	16,838.
Maida.	2,845	2,767.
Maize.	31,505.	27,527.
Other grains.	14,919	12,786.

Rice:- The decrease in the stock of rice was due to a fall in the procurement of stocks in the surplus districts of the Province and in the receipts from extra-Provincial and Overseas sources of supply as also to a marked increased in the offtake through relief shops. The stock position in the district is satisfactory.

The Government of India propose to supply 25,000 tons of rice to this Province for August 1948.

The following quantities were received during the

fortnight:-

From Orissa and States.	1,443 tons.
Eastern States.	528 tons.
Overseas.	1,583 tons.
Central Storage at Coimbatore.	4,402 tons.
Total.	7,956 tons.

Millets and maize:- The supply position is generally fair. Out of the 800 tons of millets which the Nabha State agreed to supply, only 500 tons are now available, for export to this Province. The balance of 300 tons will be supplied by the State at a later date.

The Government of India have allotted tentatively a quota of 8,000 tons of overseas milo for August 1948. They have recently offered aquota of 1,00,000 tons of overseas milo to this Province. This quota has been accepted subject to grain being of average quality and not deteriorated. Further information regarding this allotment is awaited from the Government of India.

Wheat and what products:-A quantity of 5,944 tons of wheat was received at Madras on 28.7.1948. Including the stocks which arrived recently and those in transit, the total stocks of wheat and wheat products will be 24,455 tons and 2,981 tons respectively.

Progress of procurement:- The following quantities of foodgrains were procured in the surplus districts and in the district of the Nilgiris and Malabar:-

	Fortnight ending.	
	30.6.1948. (tons)	15.7.1948. (tons)
Rice.	16,729.	14,047.
Millets.	205	70.

Procurement showed an increase in West Godavari and Nellore districts while it fell sharply in Guntur and East Godavari districts; in the other districts it was poor. Procurement of millets in the districts other than Malabar has been given up with effect from 1.7.48.

5. Prices:- The statement relating to the prices of foodgrains, firewood, salt, oil, oilseeds and oil cakes are at pages 7-23 c.f.

The case may be circulated to Hon'ble Minister (Food) and Hon'ble Minister (Public Works) and His Excellency for perusal.

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The case may/be sent to the Public Works (Information & Publicity) for perusal and return.

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The papers may now be recorded.

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